



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Iwao IWASAKI) Group Art Unit:	1724
Serial No.: Confirmation	10/081,176 No.: 2734) Examiner:)	T. M. Lithgow
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For:	SEPARATION APPARATUS AND METHODS		

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop Amendment P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following remarks are provided in response to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2005.

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."